

the TROY MUSEUM GUILD

NEWSLETTER

MAY 1979

GUILD TOUR OFFERED

Wednesday, May 23, is the date to mark on your calendar for the next Museum Guild Tour. This will be a very special, all day tour so please plan ahead so you can join us on this informative, educational, and fun event! Here's the schedule:

- 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Museum
- 11:00 a.m. Tour the Octagon House
located in Washington,
Michigan (just northeast of
Utica), cost is \$1.75 per
person
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch -- \$1.25 per person
a homemade luncheon of hot
dogs, chips, doughnuts and
drink
- 2:00 p.m. Tour the Crocker House
located in Mt. Clemens, cost
is \$1.00 per person, and
there's a gift shop here too!

We expect to return to the Museum around 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. We must know by Friday, May 11, if you are interested in going on this tour as we need to make reservations. Money is payable at each location so it need not be paid ahead of time. We will ask that all participants contribute a dollar or two to cover gas expenses for the drivers.

For just \$5 or \$6 you can have a fun packed day. All Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions call the Museum office at 689-9178.

The privately-owned octagon (eight sided) house at the Apple Barrel Farms is located on Van Dyke just North of 26 Mile Road. William R. Hamilton and his wife, Phyllis, bought the home in June 1974 and have been quite busy restoring it to a working farm. The Hamilton's reside there now. The house that "goes round and round" was once a restaurant (in the late 30's) and was once used by Wayne State University during 1945-62 to teach practical farming. A fifty-five

step, spiral staircase leads to the lookout tower at the top of the octagon house. The library, bedroom, and sewing nook are other important features of the tour.

The State Register of Historic Sites lists the Crocker House as one of Macomb County's most significant buildings. Built by the first mayor of Mt. Clemens, Joshua Dickinson, in 1869, the house has been moved twice, once in 1910 and again in 1976. The Crocker family lived in the house for over 50 years, hence the designation "Crocker House." This magnificent example of the Italianate style of architecture, once scheduled for demolition to provide the right-of-way for a state highway project, was rescued by the Macomb County Historical Society and is now the home of the Macomb County Historical Museum.

JUNE MEETING A TRAINING SESSION

All Guild members should attend a special Training Session scheduled for June 20th. Kate Maddy will run the session and has put together an informative program for your educational benefit. Through extensive research and documentation, Kate will provide background information on various artifacts in the Pioneer Room. This will be a give and take session so please come prepared to share your knowledge about the items with the others. The session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and go til 3:00 p.m. We hope this will be the first of several training sessions which will enable you to better know and understand the Museum. Of course, the more knowledgeable you are the better tour guide and Museum Volunteer you will be. Please bring paper and pencil and an inquisitive mind.

HERITAGE DAY SET FOR MAY 20th

The "big" day is almost here. Sunday, May 20 is Heritage Day at the Museum. In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, all the historical

groups join efforts to make this portion of Michigan Week a fun-filled family event. The schedule of events is as follows:

12 noon Festivities Begin
1-2:00 p.m. Drawing & Announcements
2-2:30 p.m. Children's Folk Ensemble
 of Italian Study Club
3-4:00 p.m. Ban-Joes of Michigan

There will also be numerous demonstrations of early American and international crafts. The Troy Garden Club will return this year as will the Troy Village Art Club. The Osage Garden Club will do some plantings on the Green too! Refreshments will be available from a concession stand operated by Bill's A & W.

There will be a super drawing similar to last years', with a hand made afghan and a turn of the century dry sink as top prizes. All Guild members are urged to assist in the selling of tickets for the drawing.

A "first" this year will be a "Collectibles Corner". The flea-market type sale will include those items of interest to collectors and hobbyist. The Corner will be run by Jeanine Jensen, Chairperson of the Historical Commission, and your assistance is needed. Please drop off at the Museum, next week, anything you would like to contribute to the sale. Proceeds will go to the Guild to help the Museum. Please no large items of furniture or clothing though. For more information on the sale contact Jeanine at 646-9669 or call the Museum office.

SPECIAL NOTE

Please don't forget to record any time spent on Museum Projects on the chart in the office. This is important for you as well as the Museum. Many have forgotten that we are no longer using the notebook in the Country Store for "signing-in." Thank you!!

SUMMER TOUR PLANNED

Are you interested in a bus tour of Detroit Churches? The Detroit Historical Society provides transportation via the Detroit Historical Museum's Historymobile. The tour of (5) churches and lunch is only five dollars (\$5.00) per person. Because the tours are so popular, reservations must be made well in advance (like eight weeks!).

If you are interested, please drop off your five dollar bill (singles and change will be accepted too) at the Museum office by June 1st. Each participant will also be asked to contribute one dollar (\$1.00) to whomever drives the group downtown to cover car expenses.

The date to remember is AUGUST 6, 1979. This particular tour will include the following churches: First Presbyterian, St. Leo, Fort Street Presbyterian, Most Holy Trinity, and St. Mary's. "Historic Church Tours are presented to acquaint Detroiters with the contributions these institutions have made in the development of the religious and the cultural life of the area and the importance of preserving these buildings as visible history.

More information is available in the Museum office.

VOTE RESULTS IN DISCOUNT

The April vote of Guild Members has resulted in a 20% discount on Gift Shop merchandise for all active members of the Troy Museum Guild. There was just one dissenting vote. Plan a shopping spree - bring your dough and have a ball. Many new items have just recently been added to our stock. Drop by today and browse, you may just find something irresistable to live without.

HELP - HELP - HELP

A sack of shoes was left in the Michigan Room over the weekend of March 18. There are five pairs of shoes (late 60's period). We assume someone might have left them for use at the Annual Dinner in March. We would like to get them back to their rightful owner. Please call the Museum office, 689-9178, if you know whose they are. Dee Mitchell loaned some photos of the Hanging of the Greens to someone and has forgotten who it was. She would like them back so please call the Museum Office or drop them off soon. Did anyone check Howey? He's always losing things right on his own desk - just ask his Secretary Brenda Bodenbach!

NEW MICHIGAN ROOM EXHIBIT

The "Dairy Industry and Food Processing in Early Troy" is the theme of our new exhibit in the Michigan Room. Utilizing many of our own artifacts, Troy's prominence as a dairy industry center is highlighted. At the turn of the century, Troy had three prominent dairy farms:

The "Forest Lawn Dairy Farm" owned by William Strong was at the north west corner of Wattles and Rochester Roads; The "Linden Lawn Dairy Farm" owned by Stephen Hill was at the north west corner of John R and Wattles Roads; and the beautiful, thoroughly "modern" "Sunnycrest Dairy Farm" owned by H.B. Wattles was dissected by the Livernois/Wattles intersection.

Part of the display will include programs of the Troy Farmer's Club. If not the only, it was certainly the most "in" club in Troy in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Each year a printed program gave the meeting place, date and topic of discussions. For example, the meeting scheduled for September, 1900 was held at 2 p.m. at the home of S.B. Wattles and included music for entertainment, lively discussions on important issues of the time, such as; "Gilt-edged Butter at Home," "How to Choose a Good Dairy Cow," "The Feeding and Care of a Dairy Herd," "Is Soiling Dairy Cattle Profitable?" "Which is the Most Profitable, Selling Milk, Cream or Butter?", and even supper was served. Just to see these programs gives you an idea of the dignity and respect held for these early "town meetings." They were an important, integral part of the business and social life of early Troy.

The four display cases are set up in a sequential format. The first case will highlight the dairy industry in Troy and show its importance to the economic base of our great pioneering community. Then cream separation and bottling will be shown in a step-by-step process. The third case will display the techniques of butter churning, utilizing the different styles and shapes of the utensils. Finally, the processing of cream into ice cream, butter, and cheese will be depicted.

This promises to be an exciting educational experience for young and old alike. These are the kinds of "interpretative exhibitions" we have been waiting for and we have Kate to thank for it. Her dedication and background enable us to put our Museum among the ranks of the professionals.

PARKING PROBLEMS PLAGUE PLANS

You all probably remember the terrible parking conditions we suffered through last year for Heritage Day. To help remedy that situation, we have been given permission from Walsh College to use their parking lot for that day. All participants will be required to park there since no parking will be allowed on the Museum grounds. FREE shuttle

bus service will be provided every five minutes from the parking area at Walsh, so please do not feel it will be just too inconvenient to come. As a matter of fact, it will even be easier and quicker that way. Walsh has a beautiful paved parking lot at the back of its buildings and the bus will pick you up and return you practically right to your car. Very little walking will be necessary. See you on the 20th of May!

share our heritage
May 20, 1979*
12 noon to 4 p.m.

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